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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is related to commonly owned U.S. Patent application Serial No. (Docket APP 1357) 09/774,999, filed concurrently herewith and entitled "System and Method For Using Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) to Communicate with Networked Appliances" which is incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

At step 34, the current intermediate network agent determines the next network agent that is to receive the message. The current intermediate network agent then transmits the message to the next network agent (step 38 ~~36~~). This process continues until either the message arrives at and is executed by the object agent (step 40), or a local network firewall determines the requesting agent is not allowed to access the local smart appliance network (step 38).